

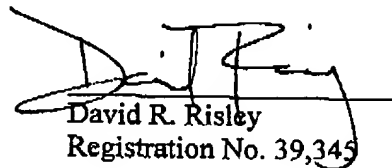
## REMARKS

The present application was the subject of Interference No. 103,685. In its November 27, 2001 Final Decision, the Board awarded priority to Riggins.

Claims 1-13 and 65-68 were pending when the Interference was declared. As a result of the preliminary motions and amendments filed by Riggins, and the Board's Final Decision, Riggins believes that claims 1-13, 69-71, and 77-81 are ready for allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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